

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, December 5 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Elsie Haninger (Dr. Glenn Haninger)

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9 ; Mt 3:1-12

Monday, December 6 ♦ No Mass

Tuesday, December 7 ♦ St. Ambrose

11:30 a.m. Beth Moore (Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Mullins)

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 8 ♦

Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

11:30 a.m. Special Intention for Fr. Dan Dury
 (William & Rita Hueckel)

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 9 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Charles Clager (Joe Eyerman)

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 10 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Harold Walsh, Jr. (Helen T. Walsh)

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 11 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Charles "Sonny" Bellomy
 (Doug & Mary Schumacher)

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9, 10-13

Sunday, December 12 ♦ Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

11:00 a.m. Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran

Is 35:1-6, 10; Jas 5:7-10 ; Mt 11:2-11

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Mary Bonner, Mary Cordesco, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Bobby Hackett, Lauren Jones, Mary Kay Keefer, Mary Knapp, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Mary Montell, Rita Neff, Marilyn Scott, Joe Shirey, Fr. Jerry Stluka, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

Monthly Financial Target – November 2010

Average Monthly Budgeted Expense:	\$20,836.52
November 2010 Net Offerings	= \$ 8,228.02
Other Parish Income	= \$ 3,599.00
Total November 2010 Income	<u>\$11,827.02</u>
Monthly Results – Loss	(\$ 9,009.50)

THANKS!

November 28, 2010 Offerings

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory\$2,141.00
	Votives28.55
	Eucharistic Vigil0.00
	Repair130.00
	Less 5% tax (114.98)
Mass Attendance 9:00 a.m. = 93 11:00 a.m. = 94	Net to Parish:\$2,184.57

Thanks

Note from Fr. Jerry

Many thanks to you all for the special wishes and prayers! I hope to be back with you soon.

**Support to St. Lawrence Haven –
December 12th**

Attention, all our "Lil Larry" sandwich makers. Next Sunday is our opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven following the 9:00 a.m Mass at the Cum Christo Center.

Immaculate Conception – Holy Day!

The Immaculate Conception of Mary is a Holy Day with obligation to attend Mass. Holy Cross will have one Mass on Wednesday, December 8 at 11:30 a.m.

**Meeting – Extra Ordinary Ministers of the
Eucharist –Today – 10:00 a.m.!!**

For those just beginning as well as for all our current ministers. This meeting is in the Rectory. If you have any questions, contact Sister Anne (224-3416).

Advent Booklets

Booklets for Advent reflection and prayer are available at the door – one per household.



Christmas Flower Donations

Donations toward the altar flowers for the Christmas season in the memory of deceased family members or friends can be put in upcoming Sunday collections with the person's name you wish to remember. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested. Please utilize the special envelopes available for this purpose.

Christmas Music Preparation

Christmas Eve Mass can get crowded – we have a special reserved seat just for you!! The Choir Loft has a seat available for you and you only need to sing praises to God to claim it! Join with us at 12:00 noon (following the 11:00 a.m. Mass) **TODAY** and on December 12 and December 19 in the Balcony. We will spend about an hour each week learning some beautiful music for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Other benefits include: singing increases joy, singing is a musical prayer, singing loudly can help to alleviate your holiday stresses and singing can deepen your connection to the newborn King. No prior experience necessary."

THE WORD

Isaiah wrote of a time when the monarchy had been conquered and there seemed to be no hope for a future king. Yet out of this “stump” a new ruler would emerge. The image of his “peaceable kingdom” recalls the primal paradise of Eden (see Genesis 2), where the animals did not follow their predatory instincts, and natural enemies lived in harmony with each other. In this new reign, all creation will be either transformed or recreated. This vision is not a return to the past, but one of future peace and fulfillment.

Paul bases his teaching of universal salvation for all on God’s original promise that Abram and his descendants would be a source of blessing for others (see Genesis 12:2; 22:18). Paul argues that it was in fulfillment of this promise that the Gentiles have been brought into the family of God through the love of Christ. In his prayer for the community, he asks for three different expressions of unity: “to think in harmony,” to be in “one accord,” and to glorify God in “one voice”(Romans 15:5-6). This unity in no way obliterates the differences between Jew and Gentile; it is a unity in diversity.

John’s Baptism was neither the kind that proselytes to Judaism underwent, nor the repeated ritual cleansing that the Essene community of Qumran practiced. It was a devotional rite with eschatological significance, administered to Jews, accompanied by their acknowledgment of sinfulness and a resolve to live an ethical life. John admits his subordinate role when compared with Jesus. He, John, is the voice that announces the coming of another. The winnowing of which he speaks refers to the separation of those who respond to John’s call to repentance from those who do not. John does not act as judge; the one who is to come will do the judging. In other words, the time of the Messiah will be a time of both redemption and judgment.

– from “*Living the Word*”

✠ December 5, 2010 ✠

Second Sunday of Advent

❖ Hymns are not announced ❖

The first reading begins on page 27.

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Kelly Doman, organist

Gathering Hymn	<i>On Jordan’s Bank (#467, v. 1, 2, 3)</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>Every nation on Earth will adore You, Lord. (Ps. 72)</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>(Missalette p. 29, #14)</i>
Offertory Hymn	<i>Stainless the Maiden (#967)</i>
Eucharistic Acclamations	<i>(Missa Emmanuel)</i>
Communion Hymn	<i>Praise, O Zion, Voices Raising (#639)</i>
Closing Hymn	<i>On Jordan’s Bank (#467, v. 4 & 5)</i>

Special Parish Dates

Mark your calendars for the following important dates for the parish:

- 1) **Wednesday, December 8, 2010 – Immaculate Conception – Holy Day – Mass at 11:30 a.m.**
- 2) **Sunday, December 12, 2010 – Deanery Reconciliation Service at 4:00 p.m. at Holy Cross.**
- 3) **Friday, December 24, 2010 – Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m.**
- 4) **Saturday, December 25, 2010 – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.**
- 5) **Sunday, December 26, 2010 – Feast of the Holy Family – Rectory Open House after both Masses.**

Repair Fund Collection – Today!

A second collection will be taken for the repairs on the church and Rectory. We thank you in advance for your continuous support of this program.

Deanery Reconciliation Service

You are encouraged to participate in our Deanery Reconciliation/Penance Service here at Holy Cross on Sunday, December 12th at 4:00 p.m. There will be extra priests from our Deanery Churches to hear confessions. This is a good opportunity for us to pray together as a Deanery community.



Religious Retirement Collection – December 12th

The second collection next week will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious. There are more than 11,000 Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests that need skilled care or help with tasks of daily living. Please be generous.

Help Needed – Holy Family

Would you be interested in helping fold the Newsletter for the Soup Kitchen/Pantry? The date is the December 9, 2010. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and go until the project is completed. If you are interested, please call the Holy Family Office at 614-221-4323 and ask for Sharon. If you can only work a few hours, that would be okay too. Lunch will be provided for the workers. (No children, please.)

Prayer for All Nascent (newly developing) Human Life

In response to Pope Benedict’s request, Bishop Frederick F. Campbell will lead **Morning Prayer and Benediction on Saturday, December 11, 2010, 9:00 a.m.** at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus. Bishop Campbell is also encouraging prayerful meditation on the Joyful Mysteries and the recitation of the Rosary on the Sundays during Advent for this intention.